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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
EAGLEVILLE, MO., FELON SENTENCED
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Eagleville, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Douglas M. Havens, 45, of Eagleville, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to one year and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 24, 2003, **Havens** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Havens** admitted that he was in possession of a Ruger Blackhawk .45 caliber revolver, a Ruger .22 caliber pitol, a North American Arms .22 caliber revolver and an Enfield .303 caliber rifle on March 18, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Havens** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for driving under the influence, a 1981 criminal felony conviction for battery, and a 1977 criminal felony conviction for arson.

Havens was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 3, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Harrison County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and

local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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